

7. THE HOUSTON AREA RAIL TRANSFORMATION (HART) GRANT WORKSHOP

BACKGROUND

The Houston Area Rail Transformation (THE HART) is the Greater Houston region’s collaborative and programmatic approach to leverage private and public funding opportunities for railroad projects in the region. The basis for this approach stems from the 2021 Houston-Beaumont Region Freight Study issued by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), which provided the initial working lists of projects for consideration.

GCRD/HART advisory committee began discussions in September of 2022 and formed the committee in January 17th via GCRD board action.

CURRENT SITUATION

THE HART Grants Workshop

The purpose of this workshop is to present information on FRA’s federal grants freight rail projects. Also, to receive insights on national initiatives and regional perspective from past applicants. The federal grant funds available through these programs will further development across the U.S., including connections to the Houston-Galveston Region. There is NO charge for this event. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by June 4th.

Hosts: GCRD/THE HART and HGAC

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 10a-2p

Location: Houston Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston TX 77277

ACTION

For information and discussion only